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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Larry L. Hood et al.

Application No.: 08/957,911

Filed: October 27, 1997

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
MODIFICATIONS OF VISUAL ACUITY  
BY THERMAL MEANS**

Examiner: s. Harris-Ogugua

Art Group: 3736

**AMENDMENT UNDER 35 C.F.R. § 1.115**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
Washington, DC 20231-9998

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 1998, please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 11, 13 and 16 as follows:

1        1. (Amended) A <sup>thermokeratoplasty</sup> ~~thermokeratoplasty~~ tip that can be inserted into a cornea,  
2        comprising:  
3            a stop; and,  
4            a tip that has a dielectric band and extends from said stop between 300 and 600  
5        microns.

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